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SUBJ: WEST BENGAL HEALTH MINISTER DEFENDS WHO AND JOHNS
HOPKINS

1. ACCORDING TO THE HINDUSTHAN STANDARD, FRONT PAGE,
AUGUST 5, GOWB MINISTER OF HEALTH, AJIT PANJA, THINKS THAT
THE WHO AND JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SPONSORED RESEARCH AND
WORK IN WEST BENGAL IS "OPEN, HARMLESS AND IMMENSELY USEFUL."

2. FULL TEXT AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE AN ENQUIRY INTO THE ACTIVITIES
OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND THE US-BASED JOHN
HOPKINS UNIVERSITY IN CALCUTTA HAS REVEALED THAT THE
TWO ORGANIZATIONS ARE RENDERING, "OPEN, HARMLESS AND
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IMMENSELY USEFUL" SERVICE TO THE STATE. "THE ENQUIRY WAS

ORDERED BY THE WEST BENGAL HEALTH MINISTER, MR. AJIT PANJA, FOLLOWING RECENT REPORTS CIRCULATED BY A NEWS AGENCY THAT THESE ORGANIZATIONS, THROUGH THEIR CENTERS AT VARIOUS INDIAN CITIES, INCLUDING CALCUTTA, WERE USING INDIA AS A LABORATORY FOR THE US ARMY'S BACTERIOLOGICAL WARFARE RESEARCH. THE UNION HEALTH MINISTER, DR. KARAN SINGH, HOWEVER, DENIED THE REPORT IN PARLIAMENT. "MR. PANJA SAID ON SUNDAY THAT THE WHO EXPERTS TEAM IN CALCUTTA WAS A MULTINATIONAL BODY. IN FACT, THE HEAD OF THE WHO'S SMALLPOX UNIT IS DR. SELIVANOV, A SOVIET CITIZEN. BESIDES RUNNING RESEARCH UNITS ON CHOLERA AND SMALLPOX, THE WHO WAS ASSISTING THE STATE GOVERNMENT THROUGH UNICEF TO DEVELOP PRIMARY AND SUBSIDIARY HEALTH CENTERS. UNQUOTE. PICKERING UNQUOTE. MOYNIHAN

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